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TO: Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics Provider (PT 16)

RE: ***Quality Measure Clinic-led Calculation announcement***

Dear CCBHC Provider:

DMS is continually reviewing processes and procedures to refine and simplify CCBHC Demonstration processes. A recent area of focus is how CCBHC Clinic-led Quality Measures are collected, calculated, and reported. Due to expected expansion of CCBHC Demonstration clinics in 2026, DMS has determined that an update to current CCBHC quality measures calculation processes is necessary.

**Commencing in CCBHC Demonstration Year 5 (January 1, 2026), DMS will require CCBHC clinics to independently calculate and report clinic-led quality measures.**

**Demonstration Year 3 (2024)** – No changes; Raw data submitted to the State; the State calculates clinic-led measures on behalf of the clinics; Submitted at the close of 2025

**Demonstration Year 4 (2025)** – Clinics submit raw data (quarterly) based on new quality measure requirements; the State calculates clinic-led measures on behalf of the clinics; DMS submits to SAMHSA at the close of 2026; ***Clinics encouraged to calculate clinic-led measures independently and work with DMS to prepare for DY5 submission***

**Demonstration Year 5 and Beyond (2026)** – Clinics submit raw data quarterly; Clinics calculate Clinic-led Quality Measures, and complete Clinic-led Quality Measures in workbook; Clinics submit completed workbook to DMS; DMS submits workbooks to SAMHSA by close of 2027

DMS and the CCBHC team understand that this is a deviation from our current process. Because of this change, DMS wants to provide clinics with as much lead time as possible to plan, implement, and test any new processes, protocols, and procedures prior to the CCBHC clinic-calculated submission in 2027.

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To assist clinics in their implementation of clinic-led measure calculations, DMS will continue to have agencies submit raw data. Raw data submissions will allow the State to calculate quality measures in tandem in Demonstration Year 4 while clinics prepare for independent calculations and to answer clinic questions about specific measures and calculations. Additionally, in Demonstration Year 5 and beyond, the submission of raw data will also allow DMS to provide technical support as clinics prepare for their first submission in 2027 and all subsequent calculations.

In October 2024, clinics will receive the updated CCBHC Quality Measures Manual with the updated quality measure workflows that will be used beginning 2025. The manual will include timelines for data submissions, quality measure calculations, and workbook submission. **Also, the Quality Measures Lead has scheduled meetings with each clinic to provide technical assistance related to the updated workflows and answer questions about the timeline for clinic-calculated workbooks.** You may contact John Lauckner ([john.lauckner@ky.gov](mailto:john.lauckner@ky.gov)), Quality Measures Lead, with any questions prior to that time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Leslie Hoffmann".

Leslie Hoffmann, Deputy Commissioner  
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